



# ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

1212 KELLY ST, UNION, NEW JERSEY 07083

## Mission

A diverse spiritual community in action, dedicated to drawing people to Christ and making church and worship matter. We do this through our liturgical worship and living out our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Daily Mass: Monday—Friday**  
8:30 am, 12:00 Noon

### Saturday

Mass: 8:30 am  
Confession: 1:00 pm—2:00 pm  
Saturday Vigil Mass—5:30 pm

### Sunday

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,  
12:00 Noon

## PASTORAL STAFF

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October 20, 2024

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR B

For the Son of Man did not  
come to be served but to  
serve and to give his life as a  
ransom for many.

MARK 10:45



## JESUS: Been There, Done That.



In the second reading of this 29th Sunday in ordinary times, we read: “Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast

to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin (Heb 4:14-15). This is a powerful statement.

My friends, Christianity is not the worship of another human being who is ridden with faults and sins like us, nor is it the worship of a lifeless object carved or molded by man. At the center of our worship is God-made-man (Emmanuel), not born by human conjugal relations, but by the power of the Holy Spirit, without the break of virginity, who lived and walked among us, experienced human pain and suffering, tempted in every way we are without caving or falling into sin, not so that He may become a just judge against us before God, rather, that He may become our intercessor, advocate, and counselor before the judgement seat of God.

You know, “Been there done that” is a phrase we commonly used when we believe that we have experience about something and therefore, can speak to and about it. But our experiences are on the human level and so we cannot say, we’ve been there done that in reference to God, because, as Jesus declared, “No one has seen the Father except the one whom He sent”. There is only one person who has been there done that, both at the human level and at the divine realm—Jesus Christ. No wonder Scripture say, “So let us confidently approach His throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help” (Hebrews 4:16).

As human beings, we never get to know

temptation at its fiercest, because we fall long before that stage is reached. It is like pain. There are agonies of pain we cannot know, degree of pain that the human frame cannot stand, and so, when we come close to that threshold, a person loses consciousness. That is how it is with temptation. The fact that Jesus was without sin means that he went through our limits of temptation; depths, tensions, and assaults of temptation that we will never be able to experience, and still did not fall. So, there is no part of our human experience that Jesus cannot say: “I understand”!

So, in times of trials and temptations, when trouble abounds everywhere, when we are tired and confused with no relieve in sight, when grief overwhelms us with no comfort around, when loneliness besets us with no one to lean on, when we are out of work and nowhere to turn, when our marriage is being torn apart, when friends betray our trust, when drug and alcohol is messing up our life, there is a person to turn to—Jesus Christ of Nazareth. He is not one who is incapable of understanding what is going on, rather, he is the one most qualified and willing to bear all our sins and griefs, understand our struggles and weaknesses, is compassionate, merciful, and able to forgive all our failings, is slow to anger and abounding in love. As Scripture says, “Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many” (Isaiah 53:11). The best person to give advice and help through a trail is someone who has traveled the road before. Christ is the one who brought God to us and is the only one who can also bring us to God.

*Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu*

# Stewardship of Treasure

## OCTOBER EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 7:00 PM  
Bible Study (Online)

Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 pm  
Charismatic Renewal Group Prayer Meeting, Lower Church

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2024, 7:30 -8:30 pm  
Marian Devotion: Rosary and Adoration, Upper Church

Friday, October 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm  
First Friday Mass and Adoration, Upper Church

Sunday, October 6, 2024, 7:00 -8:30 pm  
First Sunday Adoration, Upper Church

Thursday, October 10, 2024, 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
Mind and Spirit Ministry presents Grief and Loss,  
Lower Church

Friday, October 11, 2024, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm  
Annual Rosary Congress and Adoration  
Upper Church

Saturday, October 12, 2024, 12 noon  
Pray the Rosary for America, Church Plaza

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 11:00 am  
Healing Mass, Lower Church

Saturdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26, 9:30 am  
Wellness Ministry, Lower Church  
Dance/Exercise/Self-defense

Sunday, October 20, 2024, after all Masses  
Dedication of Kelly Street to Phil Matrale after 12:00 noon Mass  
Fellowship Sunday celebrating Priesthood Sunday (LC)

Saturday & Sunday, October 26 & 27, 2024, after all Masses  
Bethlehem Handicrafts, Lower Church

"Give and gifts will be given to you ...  
the measure with which you measure will in turn be  
measured out to you." **Luke 6:38**

## COLLECTION & SOS

	NEEDED WEEKLY	ACTUAL WEEKLY	OVER/UNDER
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Week 1	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,243	\$ 64
Week 2	\$ 7,307	\$ 7,888	\$ 581
Week 3	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
Week 4	\$ 7,307	\$	\$
<b>Monthly SOS</b>	<b>\$10,040</b>	<b>\$ 9,378</b>	<b>\$ 662</b>

### Dear Parishioners,

In order for us to stay in the GREEN, it is important that we meet our weekly budget collections and SOS. Please let us continue to support the weekly Sunday collection so that we can achieve our goals of balancing the budget going forward.

Thank you for your support of the parish and your continued generosity.

*Msgr. Anselm*

## ST. MICHAEL'S COLLECTIONS

**Below is an explanation of some of the different St. Michael's Collections:**

**S.O.S. Collection** - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying our utility bills. **Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese of Newark and therefore all funds are used solely by St. Michael's to pay our bills.** S.O.S. collections are appreciated at all times.

**Tithing** - This is a monthly "restricted" collection dedicated to paying for the new the upkeep of the Church boiler and air conditioner. **Restricted collections are not assessed by the Archdiocese and therefore all funds are used solely for St. Michael's needs.** Tithing collections are appreciated at all times.

**Assessment Collection** - The Archdiocese of Newark assesses all parishes in the Archdiocese, and a percentage of the parish's annual unrestricted revenue, is paid monthly. This assessment is used by the Archdiocese to support administrative services. St. Michael's has instituted a monthly "restricted" collection that is used solely for paying our monthly assessment.

**All Assessment Collection funds are sent directly to Archdiocese of Newark, monthly, to pay our Assessment Obligation. No funds are used for St. Michael's needs.**

**National Collections** - the Archdiocese of Newark has ten collections during the year to benefit various organizations such as the retired priest's fund, the church in Eastern Europe, the religious retirement fund, and mission appeals. **Money from the national collections go directly to the Archdiocese of Newark.**

**St. Vincent De Paul Collection** - money donated to St. Vincent De Paul is distributed prior to Thanksgiving and prior to Easter to local foodbanks, soup kitchens and social centers that provide food and shelter for those in need.

**Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our Parish!**

## 6 Ways To DONATE

<p><b>ONLINE GIVING:</b></p>  <p>Parish Giving -SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING- stmichaelunion.org</p>	<p><b>BANK TRANSFER:</b></p>  <p>zelle stmichaelunion@comcast.net In the Comment section, indicate where your donation should be accounted for, e.g., USAN (with your Group Name), Offertory, Tithe, etc.</p>	<p><b>CONTACT FREE:</b></p> <p>QR CODE</p>  <p>Scanning the code above with your mobile device directs you to the online donation page</p>
<p><b>MAIL IN:</b></p>  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p><b>DROP OFF:</b></p> <p>AT THE PARISH CENTER</p>  <p>1211 Orange Ave, Union, NJ 07083</p>	<p><b>DURING OFFERTORY:</b></p> <p>AT MASS</p>  <p>You can use designated envelopes QR use your envelope but indicate where your donation should be accounted for.</p>

### Prayer to ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



# Mass Intentions & Novenas

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **SATURDAY**

**October 19**

8:30 am Pasquale Pontoriero (Living)  
5:30 pm Paul Espeleta, Pilar Cartegena  
Keneth Ochotorena

### **SUNDAY**

**October 20**

7:30 am Carlos C. Briones, Charles Onwuka  
9:00 am Mildred Marie Julien Calixte (Living)  
Stephanie Calixte Wooten (Living)  
Thanksgiving for Graces Received  
10:30 am Alarcon Family  
Thanksgiving to Mother Mary  
12:00 noon Anthony Petescia, For the Parishioners

### **MONDAY**

**October 21**

8:30 am Angeles Ignacio  
Novena of Masses  
12:00 noon Constance Emery

### **TUESDAY**

**October 22**

8:30 am Sipe Family (Living)-Safe Travels  
George Villegas (3rd Ann.)  
12:00 noon Sipe Family (Living)-Safe Travels

### **WEDNESDAY**

**October 23**

8:30 am Dolores Montano (Living)-Birthday  
William Abuthal, Amoakon Mian  
12:00 noon Constance Emery  
Novena of Masses

### **THURSDAY**

**October 24**

8:30 am Jesus Duenas  
12:00 noon Zita Habijian (Living)-Birthday  
Donald Trump (Living)

### **FRIDAY**

**October 25**

8:30 am Rosaline Bernal  
12:00 noon Bernadette Laine  
Marie Therese Bleus

### **SATURDAY**

**October 26**

8:30 am Lucille Arnaldo  
Maricris Rogales  
5:30 pm Lucille Arnaldo  
For the Parishioners

### **SUNDAY**

**October 27**

7:30 am Nestor Canuel (1st Ann.)  
9:00 am Maria Tavares  
Galo Proano-Cobo  
10:30 am Manuel & Luis Alvero  
Marlene Cababe (1st Ann.)  
12:00 noon Charismatic Group-For All Clergy

### **ALTAR OFFERINGS**

*The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for Thomas & Mary Ann Canavan.*

## DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers our parish, friends and family members who have passed on to the Lord, that they may inherit the promise of everlasting life in heaven.

**Especially  
John McEvoy**

## NOVENA OF MASSES OCTOBER 2024

<b>Jose &amp; Lucille Arnaldo</b>	<b>Phil Matrale</b>
<b>James Ford, Sr.</b>	<b>Jean Ford</b>
<b>Mary &amp; Idolo Russomano</b>	<b>Abe Maksom</b>
<b>Pierre &amp; Rubinetti Families</b>	<b>Fritz Maddy</b>
<b>Frank &amp; Helen Rubinetti</b>	<b>George Rinehart, Jr.</b>
<b>Edsel Rosel</b>	<b>Paulino Cruz</b>
<b>Cora Carlos (Living)</b>	<b>Deogracias Javier</b>
<b>Stephanie Tokpe (Living)</b>	<b>Eric Kouevi (Living)</b>
<b>Eustachia T. Acevedo</b>	<b>Nuel Celebrado</b>
<b>Cleranice Royal</b>	<b>Alice Burrell</b>
<b>Rosemisia Royal</b>	
<b>Rosemita Royal</b>	
<b>Abigaëlle Boulin (Living)-Birthday</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Maddy &amp; Boulin Family</b>	
<b>Peter &amp; Rebecca Aguh (Living)</b>	
<b>Jeff Pogorzelski (Living)-Healing</b>	
<b>Michellene &amp; Joseph Kmetz</b>	
<b>George Sr., Ruth &amp; Barbara Rinehart</b>	
<b>Manuel Pereira Aarujó &amp; Lucilia Silva Sousa Aarujó</b>	
<b>Patsy Scalgione &amp; Deceased Family Members</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Orlando, Landolfi, Siciliano &amp; LaManna Families</b>	
<b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of Santoriello Family</b>	
<b>Living Members of Dittermer &amp; Sliva Families</b>	

## PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR

Grace Fortino, Dolores Rust, Lucy Nwauku, Judy Reid, Jeff Pogorzelski, Virginia Attanasio, Mary Leeman, Marie Esposito, Jose M. DeJesus, Shirley Dobard, Joyce Toth, Maria Ferrara, Alex Pretto, Paulo Goncalves, Frances Machado, Antoinette Agriloo, James Scholz, Michael Nworu, Victoria Nworu, June Musa, Marivic del Rosario, Theresa Ojeawere, Kathy Chavez, Sofia Teixeira, Carlos Dacruz, Anthony Staynings, Socorro Dagat, Peter & Cathy Fortunato, Anna Lepski, Nicole Ferlo, Therese Ferlo, Dolly Kramer, Junita Ottenstroer, Baby Sophia Alfano, John Dittermer, Pat Wittek, Sal Dovi, Kathy Doherty, Mary Ann Flynn, Roger Swadish, Jaime DeLeon, Angela & Doug Heinzer, Leonard Stfalk, Sophia Zamudio, Anthony Stayning, Aida Polanco, Fr. Chuck McDermott, Remedios Mendoza, Bellevina Alexandre, Thomas McGarvey, Maria Ferrara, Barbara Donato, Kevin Kinsella, Mary Ann McGrath, Rev. Msgr. Charles Antonicelli, Rosemary Paster

## 2025 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

Please stop by the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave.) to book your Mass Intentions. The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.



## Ministry Happenings

### CYO YOUTH MINISTRY



On **Tuesday, October 22nd** we will be hosting our annual CYO Charity Basketball Game in the St. Michael's School gym from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Please bring \$20 to donate if you are playing or \$5 if you are watching. Snacks and beverages will be sold separately. We will also be collecting Halloween costume props and decorations to donate to the quadriplegic adults of the Cheshire Home in Florham Park for their annual Halloween Party. All proceeds will be going towards funding our annual retreat as well as our service projects. Community service hours will be offered to those who attend!

If any teen would like to play and hasn't signed up, please email us at [cyounion@gmail.com](mailto:cyounion@gmail.com)

### MILLENNIALS WITH CHRIST (MWC)

Join Us for Fellowship and Faith!

Attention all parishioners aged 25-40! We invite you to connect with fellow young adult Catholics in our community through **Millennials with Christ (MWC)**. Our mission is to inspire and empower each other to live out our faith boldly and authentically, fostering a vibrant Catholic presence among our peers.

As Jesus reminds us in Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT):

*"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.*

*A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"*



Let's come together to embody these teachings in our lives and in our community.

#### Upcoming Events

##### Hike with MWC

Join us for a nature and prayer walk at South Orange Reservation!

**When:** Saturday, October 19, 2024

**Time:** Departing from the church at 9:00 AM

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/u1UjGtHD3hQMHyEAA>

##### Virtual Member Meeting (October)

Stay connected! Register to attend our next monthly meeting.

**When:** Thursday, October 24, 2024

**Time:** 7:15 - 9:00 PM

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/cdzcVXuTUXVbRM1f6>

**SAVE THE DATE: MWC Happy Hour & Christian Concert Meet Up**

**When:** November 26, 2024

For more information or inquiries, please contact us at: [MillennialsWithChrist@gmail.com](mailto:MillennialsWithChrist@gmail.com).

Let's grow in faith and fellowship together!

### HANDS OF GRACE (HUGS)

Please consider making donations to the Ministry. We are constantly in need of clothing, sanitary and feeding items for children (**New born to Age 5**) and for mothers.

Please call **Bisi Longe** (908)247-4461 or **Tania Massicot** (973) 420-8659 for a comprehensive list of items needed.

All items must be **NEW**.

Please note that donations can also be made online on a one-time or recurring basis, on the parish website at [www.stmichael.org](http://www.stmichael.org).

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED.

The **Religious Education Office** is open Monday through Thursday 9:30AM to 2:30PM (except holidays) or by appointment. We are located in the Parish Center at 1211 Orange Avenue. You can also contact us by phone 908-964-0965 at any time and leave a message or via email at [smreligiouseducation@gmail.com](mailto:smreligiouseducation@gmail.com)

**Religious Ed. Is looking for:**

**Hall monitors – volunteers**

**Catechists – who faith is so strong and would like to pass it on to our younger generation**

**Catechists Aides**

**Sub-Catechist**

**Bakers**

All who are willing to help our community please go to our website and submit a volunteer application and send an email to the Religious Education Department to [smreligiouseducation@gmail.com](mailto:smreligiouseducation@gmail.com)

### CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP



**COME AND EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PERSONALLY WITH ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group**

**DAY: Wednesday**

**TIME: 6 PM-7:30 PM**

**VENUE: Murphy Room, Phil Matrale Hall (LC)**

### MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY

IN THE LOWER HALL OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH,  
1212 KELLY STREET, UNION, NJ

Non-therapeutic groups integrating listening support with spiritual reflection. Available to anyone who wants to attend.

#### MONTHLY GROUP SESSIONS THURSDAYS 7PM - 8.30PM

2024

October 10th: Grief & Loss

November 14th: Shame & Inner Criticism

December 12th: Coping with Stress

2025

January 9th: Gratitude & Self-care

February 6th: Managing Anger

March 6th: Relational conflict

April 3rd: Finding Self-forgiveness

May 8th: Living with Anxiety & Fear

June 12th: Personal tribulations

July 10th: Life after Past Experiences

**COME AND JOIN US**

Contact Ginnie, Jonathan, Ylani and Taisha at  
[ourmindandspirit@gmail.com](mailto:ourmindandspirit@gmail.com)

## Announcements

**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
1212 KELLY ST., UNION, NEW JERSEY, NJ 07083

SAT  
19TH  
OCT  
2024

# HEALING Mass

11 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME

**PHIL MATRALE HALL (LOWER CHURCH)**

**REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED**

For more info: Call the Parish Office (908) 688 - 1232

Light refreshment will be served after the mass.

**St. Michael The Archangel  
Catholic Church**  
1212 Kelly Street, Union, NJ 07083

## BLUE & WHITE MASS

**Saturday  
16  
November**

A tribute to all our first responders and healthcare workers for their service and commitment

Everyone is invited and welcome  
**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
You are welcome to wear your uniforms

@ 10 am

Fellowship with light refreshments will be served at Phil Matrale Hall (Lower Church) after the mass

**SAVE THE DATE  
BUS TRIPS**

**Monday, October 21, 2024** - Bus trip to **Wind Creek Casino**. Bus leaves parking lot at 9:30 am. Cost is **\$35** with a \$25 slot play return. **WAIT LIST ONLY.**

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**— Join us for the 30th Anniversary show of **Noah at Sight and Sound**. Luncheon buffet will be at the newly built Hershey Farms restaurant. Cost for the trip & lunch is \$170. Reservations are needed but payment will not be required till 2025.

**WELLNESS MINISTRY**

**(FREE) DANCE/EXERCISE/SELF DEFENSE Class**  
For the Family  
Saturdays 9:30–10:00 am  
Phil Matrale Hall (LC)

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**

Celebrating Priesthood Sunday

October 20, 2024

Our next Fellowship Sunday will be on October 20, 2024 after all Masses. During this day, we will also be celebrating Priesthood Sunday. Please join us at the Phil Matrale Hall (LC) after all of the Sunday Masses and meet new parishioners and make new friendships while enjoying coffee, delicious pastries and light refreshments.

Let us also come together as a parish family as we show our appreciation to our clergy especially to Msgr. Anselm and Fr. Miles for all the spiritual guidance and their sacrifices in bringing us all closer to God.

Everyone is invited and you're all welcome to bring your family and friends and may you find time to join us on this special fellowship celebrating our priests.

Thank you to our September fellowship donors namely Victoria Oyakhime , Yakima Williams and Erika Colbert. A special thank you to all our volunteers. May God reward you greatly.

**We are looking for Marian Devotees to sponsor the cost of refurbishment of the Mother Mary grotto. The total cost of the refurbishment was \$1,000.00.**

**Please call the Parish Office for any questions. (908) 688 -1232, ext. 100.**

**Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish.**

**BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS**

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed at the Church after all masses on the weekend of **October 26th and 27th**. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

**RCIA PROGRAM**

Deacon Michael Alfano RCIA classes are every Saturday morning in the Phil Matrale Hall (LC) - Murphy Room at 10:30 am. Please contact Deacon Michael at [michaeljalfano@aol.com](mailto:michaeljalfano@aol.com) if you want to learn more about the program.



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